

EXECUTIVE SESSION  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

February 4, 1980

The Executive Session was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by President of the Council, Mr. Frank Blackwell. The following Councilmembers were present:

Mr. Ernest Digennaro  
Mr. Joseph Whitfield  
Mrs. Rosalie Jones

Mr. Hubert Gallion  
Mr. Thomas Brooks  
Mr. Frank Blackwell

Mayor Arrington arrived at 7:05 P.M.

The reading of the Minutes were approved as amended. Councilman Brooks name was inadvertently omitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Tobias read the Mayor's Report. Particular emphasis was focused on the Community Development Block Grant Funds (6th Program Year). Mr. Tobias suggested that an extensive lobbying effort be undertaken to assure that the City's requested funds would be approved by County Council.

ACTIVITY CENTER

Fee schedule Rules and Regulations have been drafted by the administrative staff for the renting of the Activity Center. A meeting has been scheduled by the Committee to review and comment on the proposed fee schedule and rules and regulations.

ALARM SYSTEM - ACTIVITY CENTER

Mr. Tobias provided cost estimates from Dictograph Alarm Systems for modification of current system: (1) to increase the sound, \$75.00 (2) to install a central station console to be placed in Center's Director's Office to monitor all exit doors, except entrance doors during program hours, \$675.00 (3) Independent System (system will become activated when any exit doors are opened with the exception of entrance doors), \$1,000.00.

Mr. Brooks inquired if it would be to the City's advantage to have the present system improved or would it be advisable to go with a new system.

Discussion pursued over the differences between the Dynamic System and the Dictograph System relative to effectiveness and cost. Mr. Blackwell tabled the discussion since it was an item under Old Business.

INSURANCE COVERAGE - CITY OWNED PROPERTIES

Mr. Blackwell asked if all City owned properties were properly insured in light of the theft that occurred at Another Way.

Mayor Arrington explained that all properties owned by the City was insured and that the building leased by the City for the Another Way and Youth Crime Prevention Program should be insured. Since the City would be held liable, Mayor Arrington asked

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that Mr. Tobias and Mr. Stump to contact McFarland Insurance Company for coverage on all City properties to include leases.

The Mayor's Report concluded with the Personnel Report at 7:40 P.M.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Activity Center - Security System

Mr. Digennaro made a Motion that Mr. Tobias check into the proposed Dynamics alarm system to be installed at a cost of \$1,100.00.

Mrs. Jones seconded.

The Motion was passed unanimously.

##### City Hall - Air Conditioning Vent Covers

This issue was tabled because of inadequate information.

##### Group Hospital Plan

It was decided by the Council to let the Administration and employees decide on what Plan would best suit their needs and the selection of an insurance company.

Mr. Blackwell felt that the employees should have the High-Option Plan and that the Council would be willing to budget the money for the program.

Mr. Digennaro stated that the total cost of the plan should be submitted in order to appropriate the funds.

##### Goodwin Park Ordinance 79-04

Mr. James Fannon, City Attorney explained to the Councilmembers and Public the contents of Ordinance 79-04. He explained to the Council the possibilities of what might occur if the Council and the Mayor were both allowed to grant permission on the use of Goodwin Park, (1) if the Council were delegated the authority of making the decision on usage of the Park it could be conflicting with the Mayor's decision. (2) the Council is the Legislative Body (to make Laws), but it makes Laws to give to the Executive Body who has the power of discretion (3) it would turn the Mayor and the Council into a potential Battleground if it were that the Council should have this Power.

Mr. Blackwell resolved the issue by stating that he would assign the Administrative Committee to draw up some guidelines for the operation of Goodwin Park; i.e. Rules and Regulations and work this out with the Administration.

Mrs. Rosalie Jones made a Motion that Ordinance 79-04 be adopted.

Mr. Blackwell seconded.



The Motion was passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Gallion, Chairman of the Recreation Committee reported on the Christmas Party that was held. The total cost of the Christmas Party were as follows;

1. Woolco-----49.00	4. Fruit-----42.00
2. Xmas Tree-----59.95	5. Santa Suit---95.00
3. Petty Cash---- 4.02	6. Shorty-----20.00

Mr. Gallion also added that Woolco and Tinker Toys would give a discount to the City when purchasing for such activities.

Mr. Gallion and Lynn Bechdolt were commended for the fine effort of the Christmas Party preparations.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works, Chairman Mr. Digennaro reported that Public Works had distributed salt throughout the City during the last heavy snow-fall, but felt that it was a little too much. Progress has been made on the construction of the tool shed.

Conservation of energy was also brought to the Council by Mr. Digennaro, he expressed concern about the thermostat at City Hall turned up to 80 degrees and asked could it be turned down to 60 degrees at night.

Mr. Whitfield noticed that quite a bit of fuel was being used and asked if there should be some kind of gas allocation as a way of the City conserving energy.

Mayor Arrington said that Lynn Bechdolt was involved with a Energy Audit for the entire City before she left. She was implementing some procedures on how the audit should be done and should have turned the information over to Ms. Rosa Black.

Ms. Black stated that Ms. Bechdolt had not given her this information but that she would contact her the next day and report back to the Council. She also mentioned that in observation of City Hall she had noticed that employees were cutting their heat off in each separate office.

Mr. Brooks Greendale Report-Mr. Brooks had recently gone to the Greendale Activity Center and was told that a break-in had occurred. He felt that someone had knowledge of how to get in because they knew where the boards were located on the doors.

Mr. Blackwell asked Mr. Tobias the Contractors' completion date. Mr. Tobias said the Architect is still holding to the last of April as the completion date. Plumbing was only 75% completed and the electrical work was 20% completed.

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Administrative Committee

Mrs. Jones, Chairman of the Administrative Committee said that since there has been somewhat of a turnover in the Administration she had not been able to complete her Report. Ms. Bechdolt had left in her possession the Application for the Writing Contest that would be judged by the English Department of the Board of Education.

C.I.P. Report

Mr. Joseph Wade, Chairman of the C.I.P. Committee reported that on February 6, 1980 the committee would make a tour of the City and would report back to the Council. They would be making two recommendations to the Council; (1) possibilities of establishing a Economic Development Corporation, because it can bring revenue to the City (2) Emergency Control Rodent Legislation for condemned properties.

Black Watch Program - Myrna Watkins

Mrs. Myrna Watkins, Director of the Center reported to the Council on the functions and performances of the Youth Crime Prevention Program. She would like for the Council to have more input because there will be a greater need for communication between the two. Presently the Center has provided service from the Seat Pleasant Community to 111 children since July 3, 1979. A new component has been added which will deter crime in the Community. Mrs. Watkins told that the Center had merged with the Maryland Crime Prevention Agency ( a new agency in the State of Maryland ). This Association will be bringing together the various communities in the State and the first meeting will be held in May. She has already contacted the agency and they are sending information on their planning projects which will be implemented on a smaller scale in the Seat Pleasant area.

Mr. Whitfield moved that the meeting adjourn.

Mrs. Jones seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charlotte L. Gunn  
Acting City Clerk